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AMEMBASSY MBABANE

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FROM AMBASSADOR FOR DPTY UNSECY FOR MANAGEMENT

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: OGEN, BC, WZ, LT

SUBJECT: GORM - FY 1980

REF: STATE 63477,

1. THIS TELEGRAM IS THE RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST CONTAINED REFTEL  
PART I. IT CONTAINS THE CURRENT FY-1978 STATE PERSONNEL LEVELS,  
MY PROJECTION FOR FY -1980 OPTIMAL LEVELS (PACKAGE IV), THE  
ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION AND THE RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS.

2. FORM ZBB-1

(1) TOTAL U.S. PERSONNEL - 5

(2) TOTAL FSL- 3

(3) TOTAL PERSONNEL RESOURCES AT THE MISSION

(1 PLUS 2), I.E. THE "CURRENT LEVEL" - 8

(4) PACKAGE IV OPTIMAL FY 1980 - 16 (10 U.S. AND 6 LOCAL)

3. FORM ZBB-2

WORK SHEET

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FY 1980

PERSONNEL RESOURCE WORKSHEET

( LEFT HALF OF CHART )

FY 1978

(CURRENT LEVELS)

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
FUNCTION	AMER	AMER	FSL	
OFF	STAFF			
EXEC	1	1	1/2	
POL/LABOR		1/3 A/		
E/C		1/3 A/		
CONS		1/3 A/	1/2	
ADMIN	1	1	3	

TOTAL THIS

PACKAGE 3 2 4

CUMULATIVE TOTAL 3 2 4

A/ IRO POSITION EMBRACES ALL THREE FUNCTIONS

(RIGHT HALF OF CHART)

PACKAGE IV

FY 1980

	(5)	(6)	(7)
FUNCTION	AMER	AMER	FSL
OFF	STAFF		
EXEC	2	1	1
POL/LAB	1		1/2
E/C	1/3 B/	1/2	
CONS	2/3 B/		1/2

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ADMIN 1 3 4 1/2

TOTAL THIS

PACKAGE 5 5 6

CUMULATIVE TOTAL 5 5 6

B/ IRO POSITION WOULD ECOMPASS CONSULAR DUTIES AND SHARE

E/C

4.

(1) DECISION UNIT: LESOTHO

(2) PACKAGE II OF II

(3) ACTIVITY DESCRIPTION

WE HAVE SELECTED PACKAGE IV (INCREASE) AS NECESSARY IF THIS  
EMBASSY IS SERIOUSLY TO PURSUE AGREED U.S. GOALS AND OBJECTIVES IN  
LESOOTHO AND SUPPORT, SUPERVISE AND COORDINATE THE EXPANDED  
PROGRAMS ALREADY BEING CARRIED OUT AND ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS  
UNDER CONSIDERATION

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IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO (GOL) HAS REQUESTED, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE HAS AGREED IN PRINCIPLE, TO THE ELEVATION OF U.S. REPRESENTATION HERE TO THAT OF RESIDENT AMBASSADOR. STAFF INCREASES PROPOSED FOR FY 80 ARE DESIGNED TO PROVIDE THE MINIMUM SUPPORT NECESSARY FOR AN AMBASSADOR TO CARRY OUT BASIC RESPONSIBILITIES. THESE INCREASES ARE (A) AMBASSADOR, (B) A POLITICAL/ECONOMIC OFFICER, (C) AMBASSADOR'S PERSONAL ASSISTANT (SECRETARY), (D) GSO AND (E) A COMMUNICATOR (REQUIRED BY THE NEW AFRECOME/NODAL ROLE ASSIGNED MASERU. AMBASSADORIAL NOMINATION AND ATTENDANT STAFF INCREASE IS JUSTIFIED FIRST OF ALL ON PROGRAM GROUND INCLUDING (A) INCREASE IN RESIDENT USAID OFFICERS FROM FOUR AT PRESENT TO EIGHT BY FY 79; (B) INCREASE IN USAID PROGRAM LEVELS FROM \$3 MILLION IN FY 77 TO ROUGHLY \$7 MILLION ANNUALLY NOT RPT NOT COUNTING AN APPROVED \$25 MILLION SOUTHERN PERIMETER ROAD PROJECT; (C) THE HEIGHTENED POLITICAL INTEREST IN LESOTHO AS AN OBSERVATION POST ON SOUTH AFRICA; (D) THE REFLECTION HERE OF POLITICAL TENSIONS STEMMING FROM SOUTH AFRICA'S BANTUSTAN POLICIES (TRANSKEI BORDERS LESOTHO), WITH CORRESPONDING MOBILIZATION OF WORLD OPINION IN OPPOSITION TO APARTHEID; (D) ENHANCED CULTURE/INFORMATION ACTIVITY AIMED AT NEUTRALIZING GROWING RADICAL STUDENT AND REFUGEE OPINION; AND (F) PROBLEMS RESULTING FROM HIGH LEVEL OF PEACE CORPS PRESENCE (AVERAGE OF 150 VOLUNTEERS) AND EFFORTS TO IMPLEMENT PC "NEW DIRECTIONS"

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POLICY.

IN ADDITION, INCREASE IS ESSENTIAL IN PRESENT EMBASSY REPORTING/ REPRESENTATION STAFF WHICH CONSISTS OF TWO OFFICERS: CHARGE AND IRO WHO SHARE POLITICAL, ECONOMIC, CONSULAR AND LABOR REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES. THIS DOES NOT INCLUDE EXPANDED SELF-HELP PROGRAM (\$130,000 IN 1978 WITH REQUESTED INCREASE TO \$150,000 IN 1980) WHICH IS A VITAL TOOL OF PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE DIPLOMACY. THE IRO CURRENTLY DEVOTES SOME 25 PERCENT OF HER TIME TO THIS FUNCTION ALONE. THE C&R INCREASE HAS BEEN DICTATED BY ESTABLISHMENT OF AFRECOME AND NODAL ROLE FOR MASERU. FINALLY, GSO IS INDISPENSABLE GIVEN THE EXTRAORDINARY PROBLEMS OF PROCUREMENT (ALMOST ALL IN SOUTH AFRICA) AND LACK OF EVEN BASIC HOUSEHOLD AND AUTOMOBILE MAINTENANCE FACILITIES OR ROUTINE SUPPLIES IN MASERU. THE INCREASE IN REPORTING/REPRESENTATION STAFF FROM TWO TO FOUR IS STILL ONLY SKELETON STAFF; IF ESSENTIAL POLICY OBJECTIVES AND SUPERVISORY/ COORDINATING ROLES ARE TO BE CARRIED OUT. THE FOUR PRIMARY AGREED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (77 STATE 295561) DEMAND THE LEVEL OF STAFF SUPPORT OUTLINED ABOVE, E.G. IT IS UNREALISTIC TO SUGGEST THAT U.S. CAN PLAY ITS PROPER ROLE IN HELPING TO MAINTAIN LESOTHO'S INDEPENDENCE AND STABILITY WHEN WE DO NOT HAVE RESIDENT AMBASSADOR. AS NOTED ABOVE, DEPARTMENT IN FEBRUARY 1978 CONCURRED IN PRINCIPLE WITH GOL REQUEST TO ELEVATE REPRESENTATION. THE PACKAGE DESCRIBED ABOVE IS DESIGNED TO IMPLEMENT THAT DECISION.

5. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS.

FY 78 FY 79 THIS PKG. FY 1980 CUMULATIVE  
ONLY  
OFFICERS 3 4 5 5  
STAFF 2 4 5 5  
FSL 4 5 6 6  
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6. IMPACT ON POLICY GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES: IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT WE ARE NOT RPT NOT PROPOSING A REDUCTION IN PERSONNEL LEVELS, NO IMPACT STATEMENT IS DEEMED NECESSARY. INCREASES PROJECTED UNDER PARAGRAPHS 3 AND 4 WILL ENABLE US TO CARRY OUT THE ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVE THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SET FORTH IN MBABANE 0562.

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